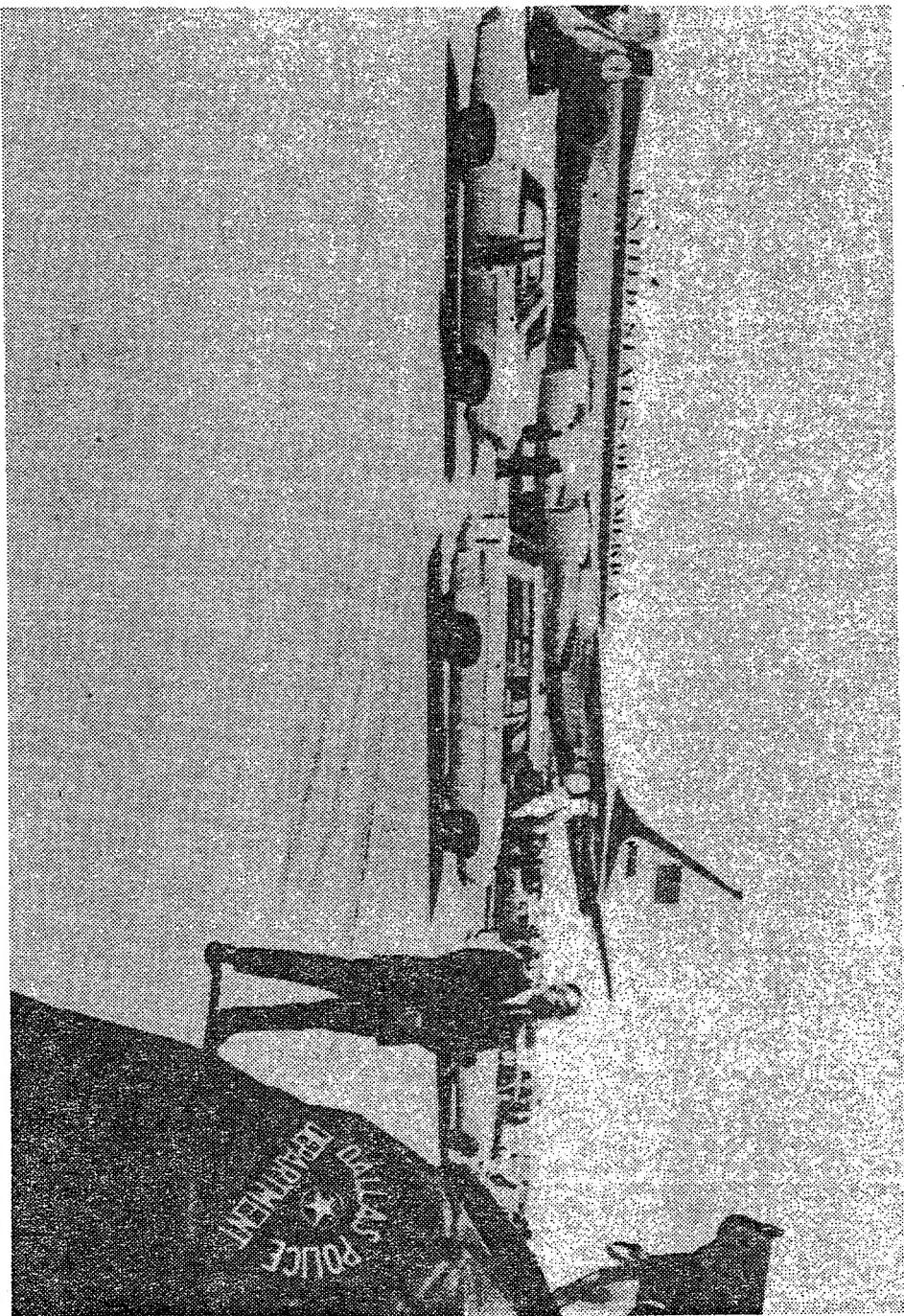


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GUARD PRESIDENTIAL PLANE — A Secret Service agent and a Dallas policeman stand guard at Dallas Love Field as members of the presidential party board Air Force One Tuesday.

Dallas since President Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963, and Johnson took oath of office as President in the plane near the same spot. — (AP Wirephoto.)

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Johnson Makes Trip to Dallas

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson passed within sight of the Kennedy Assassination scene Tuesday in a whirlwind trip to tell a convention group that America will show "no weakening of the will" in Vietnam.

The Dallas trip marked Johnson's first visit to Dallas since an assassin's bullet cut down President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963. At that time, Johnson was riding in an automobile two cars back from Kennedy's in the fateful motorcade past the Texas Schoolbook Depository.

Air Force One arrived back in Austin at 1:17 p.m. CST Tuesday to end the surprise trip.

The President's car Tuesday went within sight of the memorial marking the assassination and made two trips past Parkland Hospital, where Kennedy was pronounced dead.

Johnson landed, amid tight security, at Dallas Love Field where he took the oath as President within hours of the assassination.

Johnson's 117-minute trip took him to the Dallas Memorial Auditorium where he addressed the 10,000 delegates to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's convention.

He drew a round of applause with a remark that city dwellers and their rural counterparts must cooperate to build a "shining and peaceful land."

But most of the lectern-thumping speech was devoted to the subject of Vietnam. He said the enemy in Vietnam has so far failed in the mammoth Tet offensive and has suffered terrible casualties because "thousands of our courageous sons and millions of brave Vietnamese have answered oppression's onslaught with one strong and united voice."

There will be "no retreat from responsibility," Johnson said, declaring that the Vietnam war is now at a turning point.

"The enemy of freedom has chosen to make this year the decisive one. He is striking out in a desperate and vicious effort to

shape the final outcome. So far he has failed in his major objectives, he has failed at terrible cost to himself and tragic cost to his civilian victims . . ."

Johnson was specific in saying there would be no "failing of our fighting sons. No betrayal of those who fight beside us. No breaking of trusted commitments. No weakening of will that would encourage the enemy and prolong the bloody conflict."

To a roar of applause, Johnson spoke in glowing terms of America's future "if we on

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have the vision and the determination and the will to stick to it until do not allow the dividers among us to succeed."

He said a Tuesday report from Gen. William C. Westmoreland commander of American forces in Vietnam, showed the Communists have suffered 43,000 dead and 7,000 captured since the Tet offensive began.

The President also invoked again his "Great Society" theme, a term he has seldom used recently.

He said his hopes for a great America are advancing. "And," said Johnson to another burst of applause, "I predict the Great Society is here to stay."